

## MEETING RECORD

**NAME OF GROUP:** Urban Design Committee

**DATE, TIME AND**

**PLACE OF MEETING:**

Wednesday, April 7, 2004, 3:00 p.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

**MEMBERS AND OTHERS**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Members:** Third World Oforah, Dennis Scheer (arrived at 3:30 p.m.), Gordon Scholz, and Scott Sullivan. Michael Eckert, JoAnne Kissel, Kim Todd absent.

**Others:** Doug Rogers (LCC International); Ed Zimmer, Michele Abendroth (Planning Department)

**STATED PURPOSE**

**OF THE MEETING:**

Regular Meeting of the Urban Design Committee

Mr. Scholz called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.

### Approval of Meeting Notes February 25, 2004

Mr. Sullivan moved approval of the February 25, 2004 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Scheer. Motion carried 4-0; Oforah, Scheer, Scholz, and Sullivan voting 'yes'; Eckert, Kissel, and Todd absent.

### Wireless communication antennae proposals by U.S. Cellular: Star City Shores, Pioneers Golf Course, Irving Middle School, and Elks Ballfield on Antelope park

Doug Rogers explained that there are three sites under consideration for antennas; these sites lie on Parks and Recreation property. Planning staff has recommended using public property any time that it is available within the search areas. Irving Middle School was originally on the agenda; however, the proposed location of the antennae is not on Parks and Recreation property, so it does not require action from this Committee.

At Star City Shores U. S. Cellular would like to create a tower that is the same as the existing tower, which is full. It would be 100 feet away from the existing tower and capable of holding 3 or possibly 4 carriers. They would be flush-mounted antennae. They will extend the current block compound, and the equipment will reside behind those walls. They will build upon the existing landscaping. It will be 125 feet tall which is the height of the existing tower. Mr. Zimmer noted that this site is in a high traffic area, but is inconspicuously located and functions quite well. Mr. Scheer added that he agrees and feels this is a very successful project.

Mr. Sullivan moved approval of the antennae proposal at Star City Shores, seconded by Mr. Scholz. Motion carried 4-0; Oforah, Scheer, Scholz, and Sullivan voting 'yes'; Eckert, Kissel, and Todd absent.

At the Pioneers Golf Course site, they did quite extensive research and development, as they took a crane out and raised the antenna up to have a perspective on what it would look like. FAA said the highest they could go was 108 feet. It will be lower than the photo simulation of 150 feet. It will also be moved closer to Van Dorn St to get behind the trees and shield it from the 18<sup>th</sup> hole fairway. The tower is being designed for a total of 4 carriers. They will do a black vinyl coated chain link fence with trees surrounding the fence. The Parks and Recreation Department will develop a landscape plan with LCC.

Mr. Scheer noted that it will be tucked in nicely among mature and newly-planted trees and will not be easily visible from any direction.

Mr. Oforah moved approval of the antennae proposal at Pioneers Golf Course with the mentioned changes, seconded by Mr. Scheer. Motion carried 4-0; Oforah, Scheer, Scholz, and Sullivan voting 'yes'; Eckert, Kissel, and Todd absent.

Elks Ballfield in Antelope Park - They approached the Parks and Recreation Department about putting up a mono pole in the parking lot. They determined it would be best to replace one of the existing light poles on the ballfield. It would be capable of holding 2 carriers. There is an existing equipment shed which will be removed and a new shelter built. The pole is 105 feet tall. Mr. Oforah noted that he feels the pole should be disguised as much as possible and inquired about other monopole locations. Mr. Rogers stated that there are adequate trees to shield it. Mr. Zimmer added that it is a logical location as it is located on an existing pole. Mr. Scheer stated he feels it is great when using existing resources are used for another purpose. Mr. Rogers stated that the proposed location is the best choice as it will stay off Capital Parkway. Mr. Scholz asked about the reaction from the neighborhoods. Mr. Rogers stated that after explaining the reasoning behind it, all but one person was okay with it; the concern was that they weren't using the current Alltel pole; however, Alltel owns the pole, and it was not built to hold co-locators.

Mr. Scheer moved approval of the antennae proposal at Elks Ballfield in Antelope Park, seconded by Mr. Sullivan. Motion carried 4-0; Oforah, Scheer, Scholz, and Sullivan voting 'yes'; Eckert, Kissel, and Todd absent.

### **Update on Enersen Urban Design Award**

Mr. Zimmer informed the Committee that this year's recipient of the Enersen Urban Design Award is the Haymarket Park ball diamond and pedestrian bridge.

### **Staff Report/Miscellaneous**

Mr. Zimmer informed the Committee that the Planning Director has implemented Comprehensive Plan amendments addressing urban design issues, specifically, to urge more public art and use of art in public works projects, to urge other governmental bodies to utilize the advice of the Urban Design Committee, and to strengthen the capital environs vista.

### **Upcoming items**

No discussion took place on this item.

Mr. Scholz adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.